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NOAA's National Coastal Data Development Center (NCDDC) is dedicated to supporting ecosystem management by providing access to the Nation's coastal and ocean data resources.

NCDDC fulfills this mission by bringing together diverse coastal data from a variety of sources and creating ways for users to access data via the Internet. NCDDC's goal is to provide increased utilization of coastal and oceanographic data which will improve understanding, management, and use of coastal areas.

NCDDC achieves this mission and goal by:

- *Simplifying data discovery*
- *Providing a virtual catalog*
- *Ensuring data quality*
- *Making new products available*

In order to make coastal data more accessible, NCDDC maintains a searchable metadata catalog of coastal data, develops links to data repositories, and uses technology that allows users to receive data in formats specific for their needs.



NCDDC also supports NOAA's Ecosystem Goal which aims to build the capacity of federal, state, local and international managers to make decisions through an ecosystem approach to management. The Earth's coastal ecosystems are home to a wealth of natural resources, and the lives and livelihoods of people are linked to these

national treasures. NCDDC has Regional Science Officers located across the United States to provide support to coastal user communities. Liaison Officers are in Regional Offices in Virginia, South Carolina, Texas, Mississippi and Hawaii.

NCDDC is a divisional component of the National Oceanographic Data Center and is integrated with all of the NOAA data centers to provide comprehensive scientific stewardship for national and international marine environmental and ecosystem data and information. NCDDC constantly seeks to strengthen its existing partnerships and form new ones to seek opportunities to share resources toward common goals.

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